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**A FOOLISH REQUEST.**

THE CHURCH.—I am powerless in this matter. Can't *you* help me out by making it unfashionable?

SOCIETY.—How absurd! It adds spice to life and just suits me!



#### RANK IMPERTINENCE.

LADY.—I hear there is a new baby at your house! Is it a boy or a girl?

BOY (*disgustedly*).—Well, say!—have you got de nerve ter interrupt dis game in de seventh inning ter ask such a question as dat?

#### BARE-FACED.

HUSBAND (*as wife shows him new bathing-suit*).—Surely, you have n't got the face to wear that?

WIFE (*sweetly*).—Perhaps not;—but I 've got the figure!

#### AN INQUIRY.

BROWN.—Yes; he's an English friend of mine who is making a tour of the United States. He considers us a wonderful people—an amazing people.

JONES.—Oh! of course! But, say, he did n't have to come all the way from London to find that out, did he?

#### PERPETUAL MOTION.

BRIGGS.—It makes me uneasy to owe a cent.

GRIGGS.—I'm glad that I don't feel that way.

BRIGGS.—Why?

GRIGGS.—I'd have the St. Vitus dance.

#### NOT IN A HURRY.

STRANGER.—This town is going ahead, isn't it?

NATIVE.—Yes; but I don't think it'll ever be arrested for scorching.

#### HIS DREAM.

JIMMY.—Of course I'd rather be Dewey than Jeffries!

TOMMY.—Yes; but if a feller could only be both of 'em!

#### ALL HE ASKED.

"Only as friends."

It would seem as if in a moment she who had been a young, timid and shrinking girl was transformed into a daring and resolute woman, and as Miss Goldslathers stood before him in all the majesty of her beauty, even Philip Shortpurse, brave as he was, quailed under her powerful glance.

"When I say," she repeated, "that we can meet, hereafter, only as friends, I would have you know the true reason. I find that the management of my vast estates entails responsibilities which, woman though I am, I may not shirk. My father left me his all that I might worthily take his place, and I can not now be false to the trust imposed upon me. Matrimony would not do. It would take my mind away from the proper investment of my papa's millions." No! No! do not tempt me."

While she had been speaking, Philip Shortpurse, with that lightning-like rapidity of thought which was his chief characteristic, had seized upon the only alternative.

"Miss Goldslathers," he said, "I would indeed be a brute if I did not fully appreciate the delicacy of your position; but will you grant me one favor?"

"I should be only too happy," replied his fair companion, "to do all in my power as a friend."

"Then listen," said her undismayed lover. "In two years from now, by hard study, I can be admitted to the bar. If I can not be your husband, let me, at least, be your lawyer."

Tom Masson.

#### SHE KNEW CHARLEY.

MAUDE.—Charley threatened to kiss me last night and I told him if he did I'd scream.

ETHEL.—Did anyone hear you?

#### WORST OF ALL.

TOWNE.—So you don't like the suburbs, eh? What do you miss most out there?

NEWSUBB.—Trains!

#### A GOOD WORD FOR JOHN.

"What did that man want?"

"He wanted a correction made."

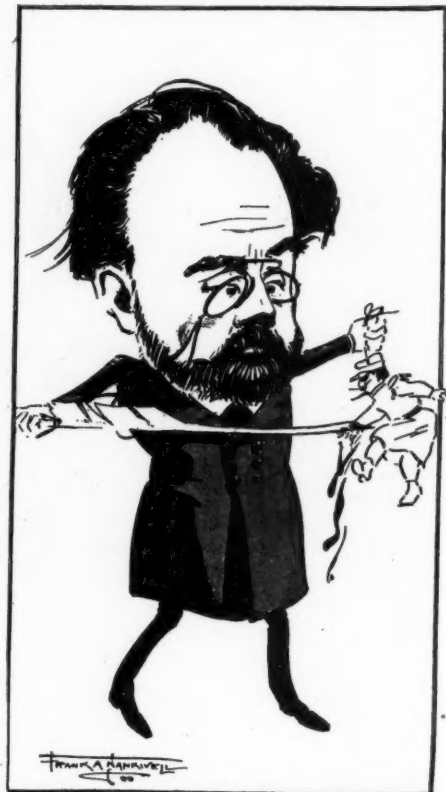
"Did he leave his address?"

"No; he did n't want to."

"All right; make the correction."

CORRECTION.—"John Smith wishes it stated that he is not the John Smith who was sued for board by his landlady."

THE PEOPLE who can't see a joke are not half so exasperating as those who do see it but don't think much of it.



#### PUCKOGRAPHS.—X.

ONE MAN WHOSE PEN HAS PROVED MIGHTIER THAN A WHOLE LOT OF SWORDS.





# THE NAUGHTY CAT.

ONCE THERE was a little cat  
Who would n't go to bed,  
No matter what her mother did  
Or what her mother said.

The more they tried to coax her,  
The more she just declared  
She would n't, *could n't* shut her eyes,  
And then she sat and stared.

Now, what do you think happened  
To this kitten so perverse,  
Whose very naughty conduct  
Kept ever growing worse?

They put her in a basket  
And they carried her away, —  
And what became of that bad cat  
I would n't like to say!

Carolyn Wells.

## A TALE OF TWO CUTS.

"And what," haughtily demanded the fluffy beauty, "have you done to merit my recognition?"

His eyes met hers with conscious pride.

"Perhaps you have noticed the man in golf advertisements, who stands three ways at once and nonchalantly strikes the ball two miles and a quarter?"

She nodded assent.

"I am the man!"

He expected her to bow low, but she only curled her lip the tighter.

"Possibly you care to know who I am?" she murmured.

"I do, indeed," he replied, somewhat anxiously.

"I am the pen-and-ink girl who rides a bicycle, attired in a long skirt with seven hundred and ninety-eight flounces, without ever catching it in the chain or spokes!"

He lay prostrate at her feet, while extending to her the large gold medal presented to him by the Pictorial Impossibility Club.

Wallace D. Vincent.

## HIS WAY.

MRS. HOON. — Dr. Coffin brings in some very large bills, does n't he?

HOON. — Yes; he usually charges five dollars per guess.

IF YOU are shrewd enough to respect the shrewdness of the man with whom you are dealing, there is a chance that you might come out ahead.

## WOULD HAVE SUITED HIM.

JIMMY. — I wish I'd a-been one of Noah's sons.

SISTER. — Why?

JIMMY. — Just think of spendin' forty days in such a corkin' old menagerie as that!

## UNPOPULAR.

"I see that Secker is a candidate for Congress up in your district. Has he much show?"

"Show? He has just about as much show as an automobile agent in a livery-stable."

## REVISING IT FOR PUBLICATION.

CLERK. — This man writes that he feels ten per cent. better since he began to take our remedy.

PATENT MEDICINE MAN. — H'm! — evidently a clerical error; — he meant one hundred per cent. Correct it accordingly and have the letter published.

## THE WORM TURNS.

"We got in a new stock of paper, ink and type about a month ago," wrote the editor of the *Midvale Clarion*, in a sarcastic mood, "and

the type-foundry people have written us that our thirty days is up and they must have that cabbage promised them or they will draw on us at sight. The ink manufacturer curtly notifies us that it costs turnips to run his business and that he must have his dues, or he will take decisive steps to raise them. The paper firm, with whom, in an optimistic moment, we had previously opened an account that is still ajar, asks us how in the demnition bow-wows we expect it to pay hands, rent, gas bills, etc., without onions to do it with. Now, we lay these facts before our subscribers, and it rests with them whether the *Clarion* shall continue to raise its voice in behalf of the people of Midvale, or whether it shall sink into oblivion through the merciless demands of city plutocrats. There is a vegetable repository connected with the office."

## HIS HUE.

ASKINGTON. — Is young Lanks, the poet, generally read?

TELLER. — No; he is generally blue because he is not read.

A GOOD MANY people who think they are nervous are really only irritable.



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## MIGHT PRECIPITATE MATTERS.

DAUGHTER. — That's Jessie Jennings and her admirer. I think she'll marry him.

MOTHER. — Her parents are opposed to the match, are they not?

DAUGHTER. — Yes; but they are afraid to oppose it.

THE VIEWS OF VIOLA.  
ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PARENTS.



"T'S SO VERY, very exasperating," said Viola, as she clasped her hands together in her lap and gazed perplexedly at a passing ice-wagon.

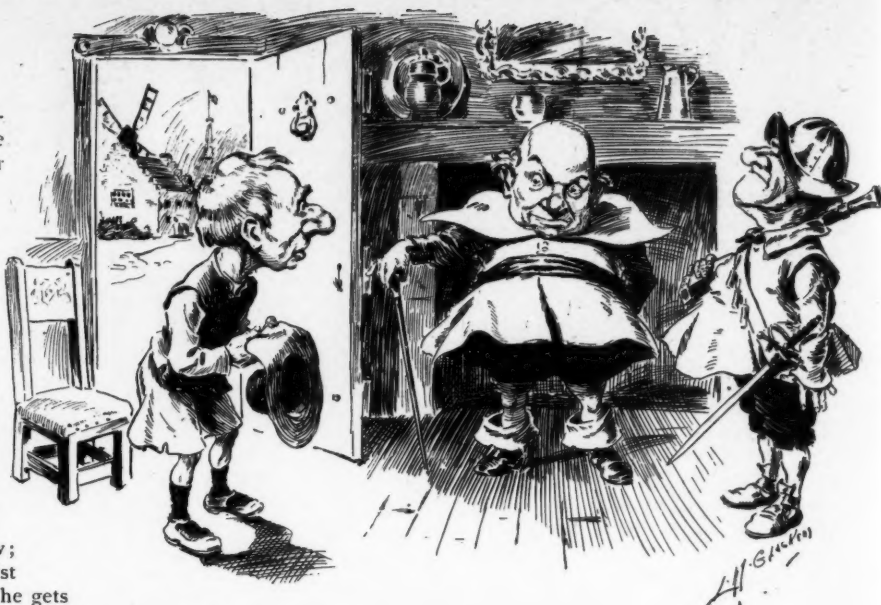
"You see, Papa thinks Lake George is the nearest thing to Paradise that exists. He likes it because a lot of his stupid old cronies go there every Summer and sit around on the hotel porches and talk about 'Burlington' and 'Consolidated Coal,' and 'Erie First preferred'—whatever they may be—and trot in every few minutes and play with that little ticker thing—that keeps pushing out paper ribbon, you know; and then, in the evening they play whist until two o'clock in the morning. He says he gets

fidgety anywhere else and wants to get back to his office; and, of course, Mama wants him to stay away from business as much as possible.

"But if she had her way we'd all go trotting up to Bar Harbor. Mama thinks Bar Harbor is the site of the original Garden of Eden and a sort of Seventh Heaven of Delight all rolled into one. It's really just because she does n't have to dress up until three o'clock, you know. And Mama says that Bar Harbor is the only place where she feels Perfectly Restful. Mama is forever talking about Perfect Rest, as though it was a sort of Eighth Commandment! Though where the rest comes in up there I don't see, for it's just a tiresome round of picnics—don't you *detest* picnics?—and boating parties, and walking parties, and buckboard parties, and excursions to everywhere, and canoe races, and—and—hops! Oh, dear! there are hops every night; and sometimes they have them in the morning.

"If I had my choice? There's no hope of that, I fear. Well, if I *had*, we'd go to Beverly. Oh! Beverly is heavenly! So so rest—so quiet and—and thoughtful, you know. There are so many lovely Boston persons there. Don't you love Boston people? Oh! I do. They are so intellectual and keep one up to the mark, somehow. I mean one has no chance to be just—just *ordinary* when one is with a Boston person. There's such a lovely Mr. Newbury from Boston there; he has a cottage and—and gives such delightfully intellectual dances and lunches.

"You never heard of an intellectual dance?



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IN NEW AMSTERDAM.

CITIZEN.—My arrest was a mistake, Mynheer! I was as sober as a judge.

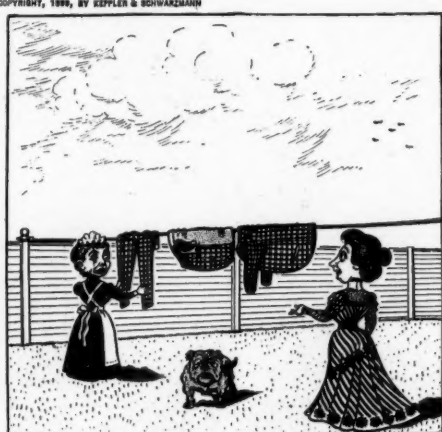
MAGISTRATE.—Possibly, my friend—possibly. There are judges and judges—and they are not always on the bench.

There's a great deal in Beverly that you have probably never heard of." Viola drew her lips tightly together and looked properly disdainful over the pretensions of a Gothamite to know anything beyond the distance between the Battery and Harlem Bridge, or the correct cab-fare from the Hoffman House to Koster & Bial's. "Anyway, they're fine! Such an atmosphere, too! Foggy? Don't be absurd! I mean the—the intellectual atmosphere.

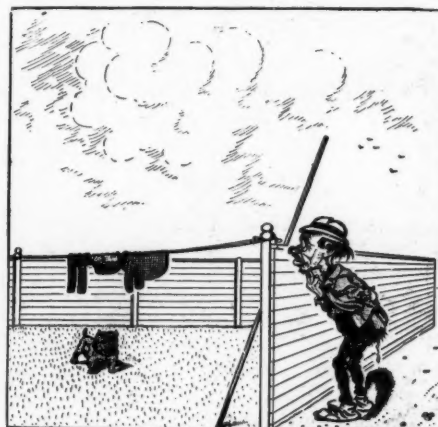
"Do? Oh, there are whist parties and reading circles, and then there are teas and dinners, you know; and they choose some particular subject to be discussed, like 'Hawthorne' or 'Goethe' or 'George Moore,' and you read up on it beforehand, you know. And then, of course"—Viola's voice took on an apologetic tone,— "there is driving and tennis and sailing and things like that; but they're not thought much of. They waste one's time so.

"But Papa says Beverly is as 'dull as ditch-water,' and Mama

OVERREACHED.



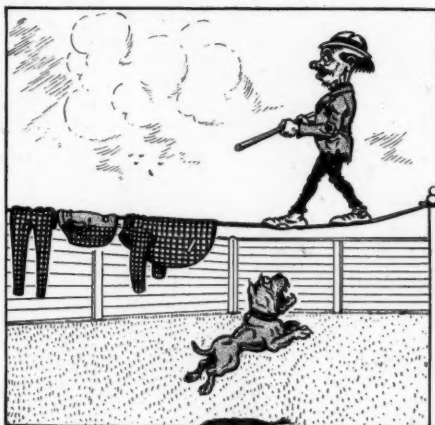
I.  
MRS. SUBBUBS.—No, Bridget, don't take them in. I want them to get as much sun as possible before I put them away in the camphor chest. Yes. I know we are all going out and the house will be closed for four hours, but no one will dare to come in the yard with that dog on guard.



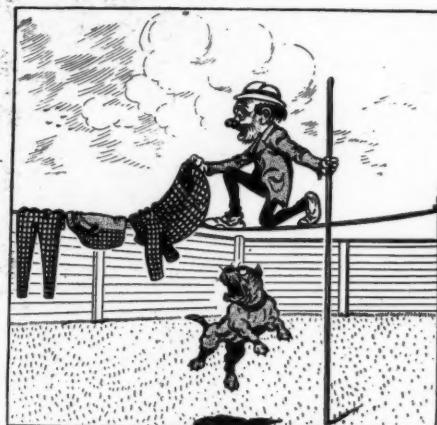
II.  
FRAYED FAGIN.—Oh! jes! look at dat dere full outfit! an' jes' about my size, too! If dat ain't tantalizin'! So near an' yet so far, 'cause of dat man-eatin' dog.



III.  
"By Jinks! I wonder if I've lost me nerve. If I hain't and dat clothes line holds out I kin git dem wearables. Dat's all right, doggie; yer can't reach me!

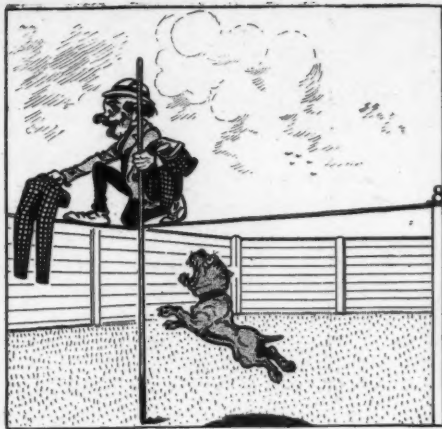


IV.  
"Yes; dat rope's better 'n many I used when I traveled wid Barnum. Steady! Steady!



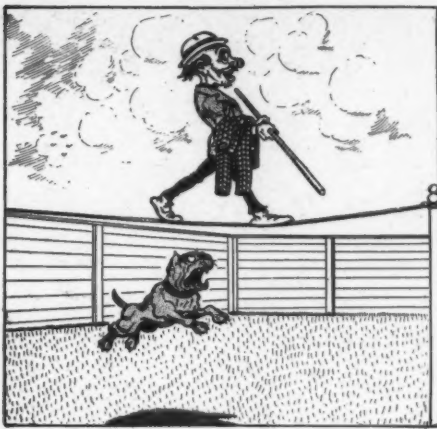
V.  
"Oh, yes! me canine fr'en, I used to do more difficult stunts dan dis. Ah! here's de coat all right! Steady!





VI.

"An' here 's de vest, an' here 's de pants!



VII.

"Now, all aboard for de Hobo Air Line! Good-day, doggie!



VIII.

"Say, dat ole profession of mine served me in great shape dis day! Say, dey 'll not do a t'ing to dat dog when de people up to dat house come home! Oh! ain't I a sport?"

does n't like the — the people. You see, Mama does n't care a great deal for intellectuality and culture. 'Good for her?' Nothing of the sort! I fear she does n't think enough of such things. But there 's no use thinking of Beverly. It 's sure to be either Lake George or Bar Harbor.

"Oh, dear! parents are such unmanageable creatures. They 're forever insisting upon you doing things that you don't want 'for your own good.' Don't you hate to have people do things 'for your own good?' And Papa is sure to say that I must go to Lake George with him 'for my own good;' and Mama is certain to tell me that Bar Harbor agrees with me so perfectly that we must n't consider any other place this Summer. I wonder why children don't retaliate? Why can't I insist on going to Beverly for Papa's and Mama's good? I 'm sure it is so lovely and quiet that it would benefit them after such a hard Winter. Have you noticed

that Mama is not looking at all well? I 'm certain it must be from over-excitement," added Viola, gravely.

"And then Papa has liver again. Oh, I know! I 'll consult Doctor Wells and get him to prescribe 'the bracing sea-breezes of the North Shore of Massachusetts.' And if he has to go to the North Shore, Papa had just as leave be at Beverly, I 'm sure. And Mama will have to go, too. And that will be lovely!"

Viola dropped her embroidery and leaned forward confidentially with a flush of triumph on her cheeks.

"Do you know, I believe we could get along much better with our parents if we tried. I believe that parents should be *managed*! I don't believe it is right that they should do all the managing. And, besides, it must be very, very harmful to them to allow them everything they want. You know, parents say it does children good to be denied little things. Well, why not parents, too?"

"Is n't it an idea? And so I 'm going to deny Papa Lake George, and Mama Bar Harbor; for their own good, you know!"

"And, of course, you 'll come down and stay with us awhile, won't you? 'Mr. Newbury?' Now, please don't be horrid! Mr. Newbury is very charming, and thoughtful, and — 'Intellectual bore?' Indeed, he is not! And you must not call him names — at least in my presence. He is a *very* dear friend, and — Must you go? Well, won't you wait just a moment while I scribble a line and ask about rooms at Beverly? You might mail it at the office, you know.

You 'won't?' You hope I 'll not get to Beverly? Well! Of all *mean* — Indeed, I 'll not shake hands!"

Viola's countenance was stern and unforgiving. Her eyes — but can one ever be certain about a woman's eyes? Were hers really mischievously smiling, or —

"Good-afternoon!" said Viola.

Richard Stillman Powell.

#### CONCEALING PROPERTY.

FIRST ORIENTAL.—Did you ever meet up with such nerve as Abdul Ben Googoo can show on occasion?

SECOND ORIENTAL.—What 's he been doing now?

FIRST ORIENTAL.—Why, he made affidavit to the assessors that he had only three wives!

#### SOCIAL AMBITION.

ISAACS.—I don't care for such t'ings, but my wife is crazy to be vun of dem soziety leaters.

COHENSTEIN.—Vot does she want to do?

ISAACS.—Vell, she vould like to form vun of dem exgluded sets.



#### HARD TO BELIEVE.

POET.—A poet's finest thoughts are never sung, you know.

MISS GUSHER.—Why, the idea! I think the words of some of those negro songs are simply grand!

THE MILLENNIUM, like many other good things, will have to be earned before we get it.



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### STARTLING IMPROVEMENT.

ETHEL.—So you are improving in your betting?  
PERCY.—Vawstly;—I played a horse to-day that ran "third."

### A GROWING TOWN.



HERE 's a tumult down in Podunk  
As the time is coming round  
When the busy census-taker  
At his labors will be found;  
For the town has grown immensely  
And its wondrous size must show  
To its many envious neighbors  
How a rising town should grow.

The vagrants who in former times  
Were sent upon their ways,  
Are hauled before the city court  
And given countless days;  
Their keep is quite expensive,  
But a score of men or so  
Help a town to show its neighbors  
How a rising place should grow.

They are seeking Summer boarders  
In a most persistent way;  
And the guests are really getting now  
The things for which they pay;  
'T is hard to turn a victim free  
When he is well in tow,  
But the place must show its rivals  
How a rising town should grow.

They have paid for six camp-meetings  
And the circus will come down  
And open its performance  
While the census man 's in town;  
They have postponed several lynchings,  
Even though their horses go,  
For every human being helps  
A rising town to grow.

Chas. M. Bryan.

### IN HARLEM.

TEACHER.—What do you understand by  
"a necessary evil?"  
PUPIL.—A janitor.

IT is awful hard to get people to pay any  
attention to us when we are telling them  
things for their own good.



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### THEY CONFER.

FIRST TRAMP.—If dere ain't no way of gittin' dat bottle we might jes' as well  
move along.

SECOND TRAMP.—Dat 's right! Ef we stay here we 'll have to go t'roo de anguish  
of seein' him takin' a drink.

### UNCLE BILL ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Some close-fisted men die of the grip.  
Don't be over-confident when there 's  
a woman around.

He who laughs at his troubles soon  
has nothing to laugh at.

The fellow who 'd rather beat a carpet  
than his dog-tax is n't human.

It does n't pay to be too forward,  
especially in a head-end collision.

The man who thinks he knows it all  
should get his five-year-old nephew to  
ask him about it.

Don't let your doctor be your creditor;  
he may take a notion that your heirs are  
better pay.

Some men don't know enough to  
pound sand, and others have n't the  
sand to pound away until they know  
something.

The man who likes to appear in the  
height of fashion when he 's walking in  
the valley of financial ruin is n't neces-  
sarily a philosopher.

Bob Halde.

### ALL THAT 'S NECESSARY.

BIKER.—Are the bicyclists in Lon-  
don required to carry bells and lamps?

WHEELER (after his trip).—No;  
only fog-horns.

THE DIFFERENCE between an acquaintance  
and a friend is that an acquaintance  
seldom feels at liberty to tell us, for our own  
good, things that he knows we don't want to hear.





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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

**FASHION AND DIVORCE.** THE PREACHER who lately urged Society to frown upon divorced people must be a man of strange ingenuousness for this day. The Church can do nothing to stem the epidemic of divorce, he is reported to have said in substance; but if you people of society will ostracize these male and female home-wreckers divorce will cease. The argument was winsomely child-like. It was as if he had addressed an assemblage of burglars, saying: "The only way to stop the crime so prevalent among you is to make it unfashionable. If you gentlemen will hereafter refuse to recognize as belonging to your set any one that has been found guilty of burglary, reform will come at once." We have read other homilies on this divorce question that were but little less rational.

In PUCK'S own humble view there is but one way to correct the divorce evil, and that is to correct the marriage evil. So long as the girl is brought up, as she undeniably is to-day, and more especially in the set called "smart," to believe that the end of marriage is material luxury, and that the most desirable husband for her, therefore, is the man, regardless of moral worth or personal adaptability, who has the most money, there will be divorce and its high-smelling scandals. So long as there is buying and selling in marriage there will be revoking of bad bargains,—revoking both unofficial and official.

The fault does not lie with the actors before us on the stage, but with the mothers who trained them to make "good" marriages. What a commentary it is upon our civilization that a "good" marriage means no more than that one or the other of the parties has brought money to the alliance! The woman who sells herself to one man is on a moral level with the woman who sells herself to a hundred. When the fashionable mother learns this truth and teaches it to her daughter there will be fewer misfit marriages. In the meantime we are not sure that such parodies of marriage as they are trained to make are not the better broken off at the first

opportunity. We do not see what would point more significantly to the root of the evil.

**QUIT BLUFFING.** IN ALL the fury and clashing of epithets now coming from the Trust hunters, is it not strange that not one of them has yet offered a law that would destroy their pet prey? Mr. Bryan and his lieutenants are daily frothing at the mouth because of the Trust's iniquities, and they are going to denounce Trusts in their platform and wage a campaign upon that issue. But why is it that they do not come out with a draft of the law they propose to enact when they come into power? If the Trust is what they say it is, a criminal conspiracy, a law to suppress it ought at least to be easy to frame; not easy to pass, perhaps, for Mr. Bryan would say that the bribery of the monopolists might retard that. But surely no monopolist has money enough to prevent Mr. Bryan from disclosing the anti-Trust law he would pass if he had the chance; and surely, too, he would strengthen his cause immeasurably if he would out with it. If he does not feel equal to the task himself, or feels that he can do his cause more good by the vague denunciation for which he has so rare a gift, let him deputize one of the eminent jurists among his supporters to perform it.

What is wanted is a plain, simple law that will meet the evil and vanquish it. The state of a good part of the public mind regarding Trusts is unquestionably hostile; but anti-Trust laws have thus far been so ridiculously inadequate that people are beginning to look into the matter and to inquire if any one can really do anything about them. They are doubtful and suspicious. If Mr. Bryan would submit an anti-Trust law to the people that a plain, ordinary citizen could not see large holes in, he would undoubtedly increase his following by thousands of voters who are now convinced, because of the foggy of his talk, that he can do nothing practical.

The problem is easily stated: there must be a law that will limit the amount of money that a corporation may devote to its business; a law that would permit Mr. Russell Sage, for example, to invest fifty million dollars in a business enterprise and yet prohibit ten men with five million dollars each from combining their capitals to the same end. That the constitution of the United States guarantees to the individual the right to invest an unlimited capital in any lawful business, not even the Trust-hunters will deny; and, oddly enough, in their efforts up to date to prevent two or more men from combining their capitals, they have run up against the same document. The laws they have framed have been full of ingenious phrases about "combinations in restraint of competition," but the trouble has been that as soon as they were examined they were found to deny a man's natural right to sell what he has to sell and to buy what he has the money to pay for. There has been no anti-Trust law, even so much as suggested that did not also reach the farmer, the laborer and the shoe-string merchant on the sidewalk. This, then, is Mr. Bryan's urgent duty: to get before the people an anti-Trust law that will not prevent a farmer from buying his neighbor's farm or from holding his wheat for a good price, nor prevent two or more laborers from agreeing not to sell their labor under a certain price.

CONVENTION.

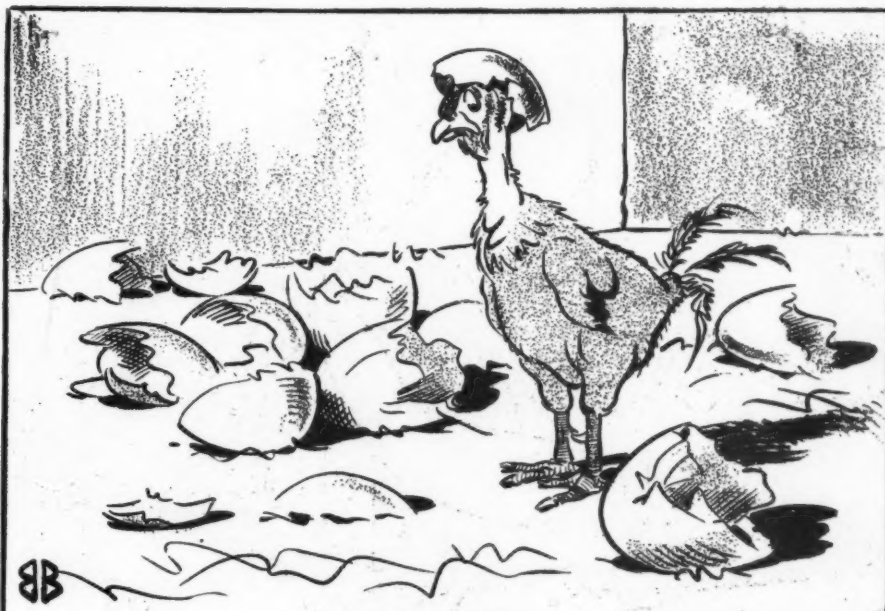
Toward mountain or sea or inland lake  
He relievedly turns his face,—  
"To escape this stifling convention!" he says,—  
And carries a dress-suit case.

POOR OMAR!

"She's forever talking about 'Omer Cayam!' sneered the other woman.  
"Omer! The idea of being American-born and getting so English that she does n't sound her h's!"

IT MUST be confessed that Aguinaldo is harder to catch than the Spanish fleet.

WE SUPPOSE it is better, after all, that a comet destroy us than that it be left to the corset and cigarette.



BELATED.

LARGE CHICKEN (emerging from shell).—Humph! It strikes me I missed my cue!

ONE ONE.

In the marvelous time of 1.01  
No races have been won.  
There have been quite a few  
Who have won in 1.02;  
But no one has won in 1.01.

THE REAL QUESTION.

"Shall we prolong the struggle?" asked Aguinaldo, the council of war having come to order.  
"Our hearts are in it!" exclaimed all of the thirty-seven generals of his staff.  
"Ay! but are we in it?" faltered the dictator, tears springing to his eyes.

WHEN THE office seeks the man it is apt to be held up on the way.

WHAT CAN'T be cured must be endured; but nothing else should be endured.



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AN UNEQUAL CONTEST; THEY CAN





THEY CAN FIND NO FLAW IN HIS ARMOR.



MR. J. BULL UNIONJACK'S LETTER TO LONDON.

ON THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

"ERE WON'T be no more trouble in Samoa," said Schwarzenkopf, dogmatically.

"I dunno," said Mulligan. "May be it 's the kyam before the stor-rm. But jist now it luks as if the British intrighues to get two fri'ndly nations into a bloody foight have completely and entoirely failed."

"British intrighues?" said I, scornfully.

"British intrighues, no less," repeated Mulligan. "Here 's wan or more oislands out in the Atlantic — the Pacific, is it? — well, what the devil difference does it make, annyhow? — inhabited be savages or barbarians or naygurs or somethin', an' there 's two candidates for king; an' they moight be candidates for the Legislathur on our own tickets for annything the gin'ral public knows or cares about ayther av thim. Now what the devil wud Jarman an' the United Shtates be quarrelin' about which naygur 'd git the job for if it was n't for British intrighues?"

"Der young feller vot der Chief Justice recognized," said Schwarzenkopf, "is gettin' a hundret und feesty tollars a mont' for bein' king; und if dot is all der chob is vorth it is n't vorth fighding about."

"It certainly is n't," said I; "but all England wants is the enforcement of the Berlin Treaty. It was agreed that if a dispute arose over an election it should be referred to the Supreme Court, and the Chief Justice decided in favor of Malietoa."

"Then, be all manes, let him have it," said Mulligan. "It 's throe, the vote was six to wan in favor av the other man, but Oi suppose 't is in Samoa loike in Texas — the colored vote don't count unless it 's cast for the roight candidate."

"He was n't eligible," said I.

"Vot does dot mean?" asked Schwarzenkopf.

"It manes," explained Mulligan, "thot he was vict'rous at the primaries, an' triumphant at the polls, but the Canvassin' Board counted him out."

"Let him shtay oud," said Schwarzenkopf. "Chermany would be very foolish to fight mit der United Shtates apout him."

"Very foolish, indade," said Mulligan. "An' if she wants to foight wid England, let her foight about somethin' else where the United Shtates is n't tangled up in it an' can shtan' by an' watch wid interrest the wal-lopin' av her ancient inimy."

"You think Germany would win, do you?" I asked.

"Whin she foights England she 'll win," said Mulligan, confidently.

"Wan av the nixt big wars is as loike as not to be between thim two. 'T will not be to-day nor to-morra. The Jarman is not loike the Frinch nor the Oirish — whin they begin thot war they 'll be ready for it. Sure, they 're foightin' the English now for thrade in all par-rts av the wur-ruld — an' bat-in' thim, thank God! Oi used to think there niver was droyer radin' than shtatistics av imports an' exports an' sich, but now whin Oi tek up the paper an' see a long table av figures showin' how the Amer-rikins an' Jarman is pushin' their goods into all par-rts av the globe an' elbowin' the British out av thrade that they wanst had all to thim-silves — My! Oh, my! but it 's as intherestin' as a novel! An' thim same Jarman has an ar-rmy — well, ye English can thank yer shtars thot the salt wather won't let it at ye! An' they have a navy thot 's shmall, but wanst they mek up their moinds to foight the English, the way thot navy 'll grow 'll keep yez awake noights



CRIMINAL NEWS.

MRS. ISAACS (reading). — "Loss den tousand tollars — no inzurance!"

MR. ISAACS. — Rachel! How can you be so careless as to read a criminal news-item like dot out loud ven der children are presend?

worryin' about it. Sure, they 're the most larned an' scientific people on the face av the airth! They have professors be the hundred wid long whiskers an' shpectacles, that shpends their toime from mornin' till noight — yis, an' till the next mornin' — shtudyin' about X-rays, an' microbes an' things, an' whin there 's enough av thim tur-rnin' their attintion to buildin' a big navy — faith, they 'll tur-rn out battleships an' cruisers an' torpedo boats an' dynnymite boats an' submarine boats an' war balloons

till the hair av the British nation 'll shtand on ind. Faith, for annything ye can say to the contrhairy, they may be shtayin' up noights planning the conquest av England now. Who knows but to-morra or nixt day ye may hear that they have a schame to build a tunnel under the wather an' land the entoire Jarman ar-rmy in England an' capture London in a jiffy? Manny's the toime the Frinch talked av thot same, but some day the Jarman 'll do it. An' whin they do, all Oireland 'll roise up an' shout, 'Jarmany go Bragh!' Av coorse, whin it comes to the p'int av foightin', England, as loike as not, 'll back down —"

At this point I left the room indignantly. I did n't care to have another personal altercation with Mulligan, and a dignified retirement was the only way to avoid one.



HOW IT LOOKED.

ETHEL. — What foolish things a young man will do when he is in love!

EDITH (breathlessly). — O Ethel! Has he proposed?



### A CHOICE.

**N**OW, SOME, dear lady, would choose that you  
(An' the choosing were theirs)  
Should bring them suddenly into view  
When your ladyship fares  
Adown the lane for to take the air,  
That they might walk as your escort there.

I know another who would elect  
That the meeting should be  
On horseback such morning you may select  
But a groom's company;  
So he could gallop away with you—  
And he would choose with a wisdom, too!

Here's one who wishes you pass that way.  
As you wander the links,  
When he delivers a smashing play;  
While another one thinks  
'T were best you chanced to discover him  
At just the moment your book lacked vim.

For each encounter have some a voice,  
But with none I agree;  
For if, dear lady, I have my choice,  
You shall suddenly see  
It is I who am standing awaiting you there  
In the castle you 've builded upon the air!

Layton Brewer.

### A VEGETARIAN NOW.

**NANNIE GOAT** (*in surprise*).—Why don't you partake  
of some of these nice cans?

**BILLY GOAT**.—I never touch them any more! I was  
mascot of a regiment during the war and ate a canned-meat  
can one day.

### NO EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION.

**TEACHER**.—What can you tell me about Alfred  
the Great?

**JOHNNY FLIP**.—Only just what's in the book,  
Ma'am.

### A FIRM BELIEVER.

**MOSE, JR.**—Pop, do yo' b'leev it am bad luck to  
walk unner a ladder?

**MOSE, SR.**—'Deed I do! I'd ruther fall off'n er  
ladder enny day dan walk unner it!

### TWO OF THEM.

She says she has more than one string to her bow,  
As lightly she dances and sings;  
And the truth of her statement I very well know,  
For he's tied to her apron strings.

### A DISCUSSION.

**FIRST CITIZEN**.—Why, that candidate of yours is  
nothing but a whited sepulchre!

**SECOND CITIZEN**.—Oh! he is n't half as black as he's painted.



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### SUITED HIM.

**UNCLE HIRAM**.—Talk about popular airs! This machine plays  
about the most popular airs I knows on when the thermometer is  
ninety-six in the shade!

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**MISS DAISY FLITTERS** (*who reads romances*).—Thank you very  
much for your invitation, Mr. Green; but, really, I can't go with you to  
the picnic without a chaperon.

**JAY GREEN** (*who does n't, but who possesses considerable horse-sense*).  
—What's a chaperon?

**MISS DAISY FLITTERS**.—An older lady, whose presence serves to  
preserve the proprieties.

**JAY GREEN**.—Huh! Don't be a ninny, Daisy! If you're afraid of  
me, for goodness's sake carry a hatchet!

### ON A LARGER SCALE.

**ISAACS**.—Ven I first knowed you, you vos a shtruggling young veller!

**COHENSTEIN**.—Vell, dot's vot I'm doing now, only I'm shtruggling  
for bigger moneysh.

**THE RAIN** descends upon the just and the unjust; but the just some-  
times have rheumatism to admonish them of what is coming.



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### NOT FLATTERED.

**LIZ**.—Dere was an old feller wit' long hair what told Jimmy he'd be  
an artist some day.

**MAG**.—Dat must have made Jimmy feel good.

**LIZ**.—No; it did n't. He t'inks he's an artist now.

### CRITICISM.

"I'm afraid," said the editor, "this language is a little strong. You  
call the other faction pirates and cut-throats."

"That's just what they are!" spoke up the assistant.

"I know," said the editor; "but I don't think it's diplomatic to say  
so in an article entitled, 'A Plea for Harmony.'"

### WHY HE THOUGHT SO.

**SUBURBANITE**.—The man who lives in that house has money to burn.

**CITY FRIEND**.—Eccentric, eh?

**SUBURBANITE**.—No. How did you get that idea?

**CITY FRIEND**.—Why, he lives here when he could afford to live  
somewhere else!

**THE CHIEF** business of some theologians seems to be to cut the Lord's  
vineyard all up with partition fences.

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*Bulletin.*



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### ASSETS.

Real Estate.....	\$2,009,684.43
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	1,510,090.17
Loans on bond and mortgage, real estate.....	5,785,923.99
Interest accrued, but not due.....	261,279.62
Loans on collateral security.....	1,182,327.64
Loans on this Company's Policies.....	1,175,489.24
Deferred Life Premiums.....	324,697.95
Premiums due and unreported on Life Policies.....	251,120.97
United States Bonds.....	74,000.00
State, County and Municipal Bonds.....	3,614,032.58
Railroad stocks and bonds.....	6,658,373.37
Bank stocks.....	1,066,122.50
Other stocks and bonds.....	1,462,300.00
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>\$25,315,442.46</b>

### LIABILITIES.

Reserve, 4 per cent., Life Department.....	\$18,007,596.00
Reserve for Re-insurance, Accident Department.....	1,399,372.80
Present value, Installment Life Policies.....	507,044.00
Reserve for claims resisted for Employers.....	430,101.55
Losses in process of adjustment.....	220,243.33
Life Premiums paid in advance.....	35,267.68
Special Reserve for unpaid taxes, rents, etc.....	110,000.00
Special Reserve, Liability Department.....	100,000.00
Reserve for anticipated change in rate of interest.....	400,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$21,209,625.36</b>

Excess Security to Policy Holders.....	\$4,108,817.10
Surplus to Stockholders.....	\$3,108,817.10

### STATISTICS TO DATE.

#### LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Life Insurance in force.....	\$97,382,821.00
New Life Insurance, written in 1898.....	16,087,551.00
Insurance on installment plan at commuted value.....	
Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	1,382,008.95
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864.....	14,532,359.52

#### ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT.

Number Accident Claims paid in in 1898.....	16,260
Whole number Accident Claims paid.....	324,250
Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	\$1,254,500.81
Returned to Policy-holders since 1864.....	\$22,464,596.75

#### TOTALS.

Returned to Policy-holders in 1898.....	\$2,636,509.76
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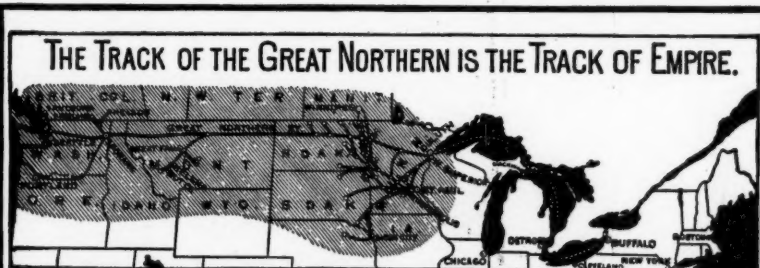


### AN EMBARRASSING DILEMMA.

JOHNNY RUBE.—Say, Pa, I'll bet I know why a man can't begin at the top in  
buildin' a haystack!  
REUBEN RUBE.—Why, he can't simply because he can't, an' that's all there is to it!  
JOHNNY RUBE.—No, it ain't, Pa. S'pose he'd begin at the top an' then would n't  
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seen you before.

PRISONER.—Yes, Your  
Honor, quite often.

JUDGE.—Ah! What was  
the charge the last time I  
saw you?

PRISONER.—I think it  
was fifteen cents, Your  
Honor. I mixed a cocktail  
for you, I believe.—*Catholic*  
*Standard and Times.*

SURPRISING.

MR. GOTHAM.—Here,  
sir, is some whiskey which  
I have had in my cellar for  
twenty years.

COLONEL KAINTECK.—  
Well! well! How did it  
get lost?—*N. Y. Weekly.*

NATURAL CURIOSITY.

"Mama, I told Harry  
all the mean things Jose-  
phine Dash told me about  
her husband."

"Well?"

"Now he's mad because  
I won't tell him what I told  
Josephine about him."—  
*Detroit Free Press.*

THERE is so much terri-  
tory we know to be right  
and so much we know to be  
wrong that there is small ex-  
cuse for camping on doubt-  
ful ground.—*L. A. W.*  
*Bulletin.*

BILL.—What do you  
think of Croker as a witness?

JILL.—Well, I think what

Croker says he don't know would fill a  
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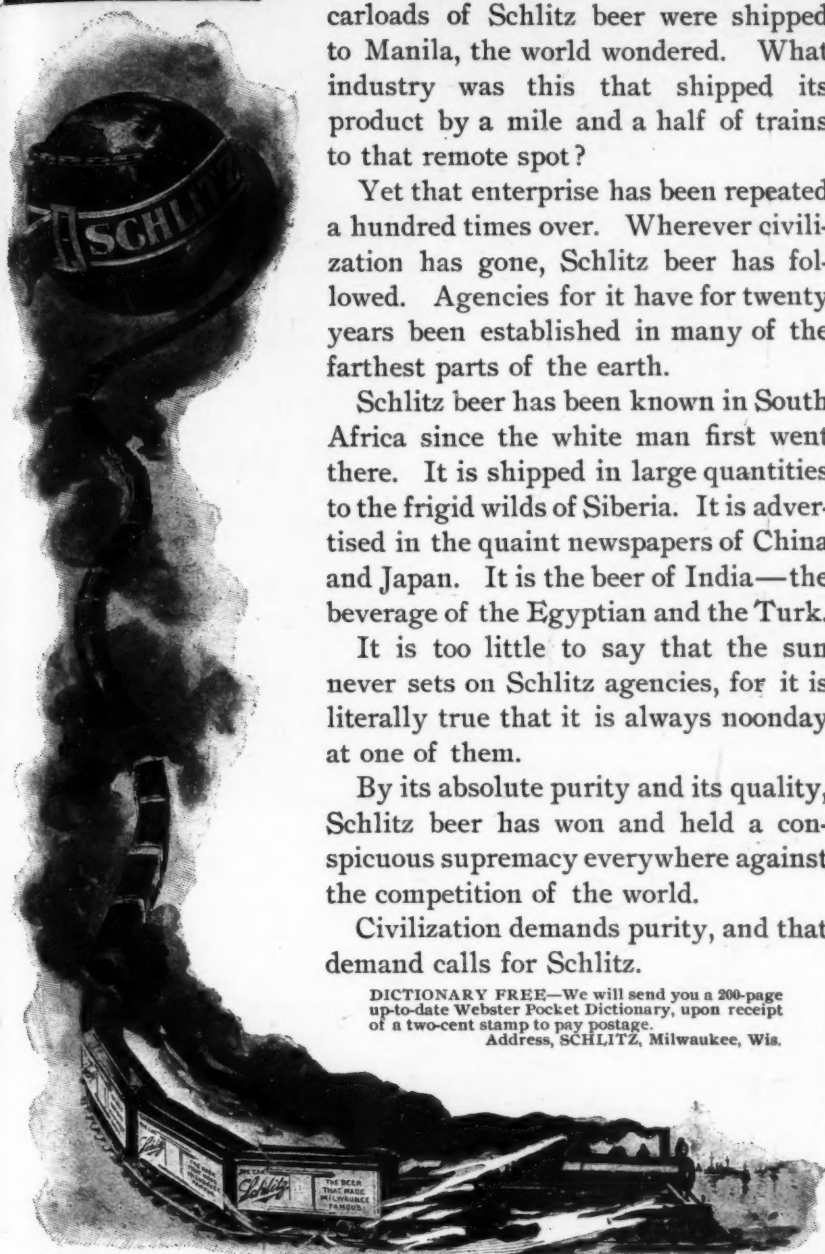
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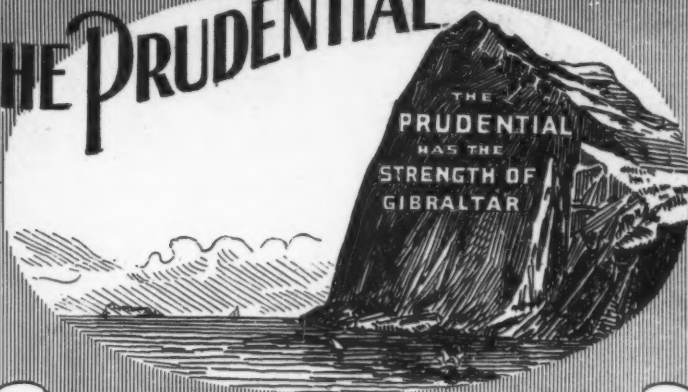
"No; you see, we always wind up with a pillow-case masquerade and dance."—*Detroit Free Press.*

YEAST.—What makes you think the fellow is up-to-date?

CRIMSONBEAK.—Why, when he wants to say "No" he says "Nein! Nein!"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

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And hushed is the roar and the din,  
When Evening is cooling the sweltering town,  
'T is then that the frolics begin;  
And up in dim "Finnegan's Court," on the pavement,  
Shut in by the loom of the tenement's wall,  
'Neath the swinging arc-light, on a warm Summer's night,  
They gather to dance at the hand-organ ball.

'T is not a society function, you see,  
But quite an informal affair;  
The costumes are varied, yet simple and free,  
And gems are exceedingly rare;  
The ladies are gowned in their calicos, fetching,  
And coatless and cool are the gentlemen, all,  
In a jacket, they say, one 's not rated *au fait*  
By the finicky guests at the hand-organ ball.

There 's Ikey, the newsboy, and "Muggsy" who "shines;"  
There 's Beppo who peddles "banan;"  
There 's A. Lincoln Johnson, whose "Pa" kalsomines —  
His skin has a very deep tan; —  
There 's Rosy, the cash girl, and Mame who ties bundles,  
And Maggie who works in the factory, tall;  
She 's much in demand, for she "pivots so grand," —  
She 's really the belle of the hand-organ ball.

Professor Spaghetti the music supplies,  
From his hurdy-gurdy the waltz is sublime;  
His fair daughter Rosa, whose tambourine flies,  
Is merrily thumping the rollicking time;  
The Widow McCann pats the tune with her slipper,  
The peanut-man hums as he peers from his stall,  
And officer Quinn for a moment looks in  
To see the new steps at the hand-organ ball.

The concert-hall tune echos down the dark street,  
The mothers lean out from the windows to see,  
While soft sounds the pat of the dancers' bare feet  
And tenement babies crow loud in their glee;  
And labor-worn fathers are laughing and chatting, —  
Forgot for an hour is grim poverty's thrall; —  
There 's joy here to-night, 'neath the swinging arc-light,  
In "Finnegan's Court," at the hand-organ ball.

Joe Lincoln.

WHEN A man's wife goes away for the Summer he has to fall back on the  
newspapers for local news.



## WHERE THE TROUBLE LAY.

CLANCY. — Oi see a Pennsylvania joodge siz a man has a roight to  
lick his woife!  
CASEY. — Phwat dom nonsince! He hoz a roight to lick Jim Jeffries,  
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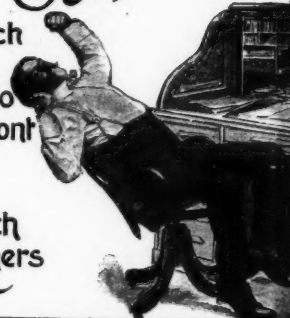
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# BAD FOR GEORGIA.

MR. GOTHAM.—I see that a new law in Georgia prohibits the sale of liquor within three miles of a church or a schoolhouse.

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MR. GOTHAM.—Think so?

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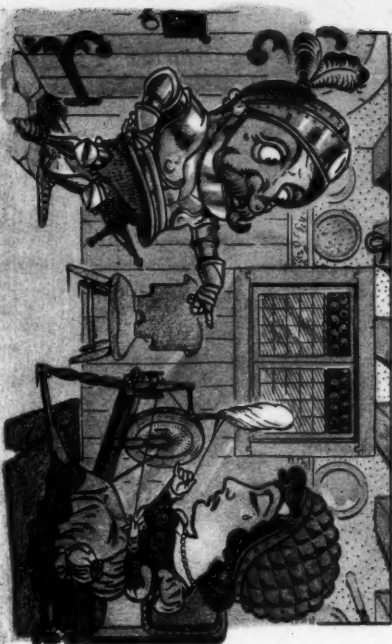
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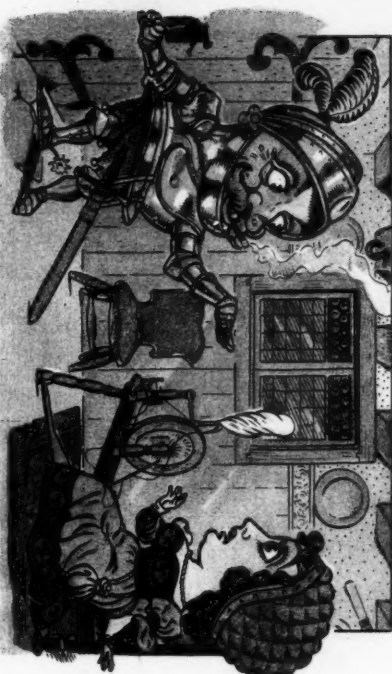
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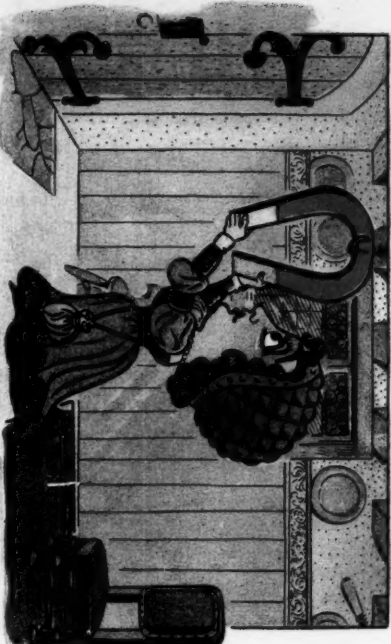
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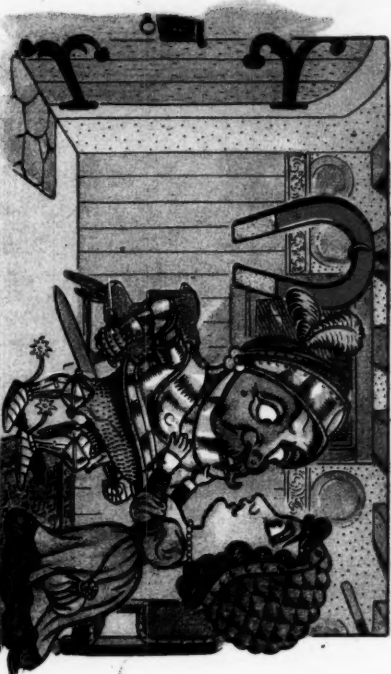
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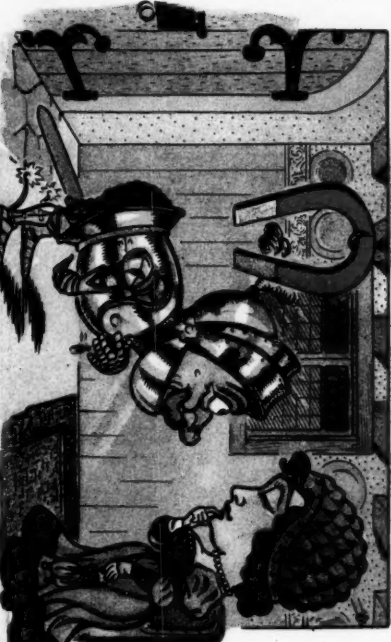
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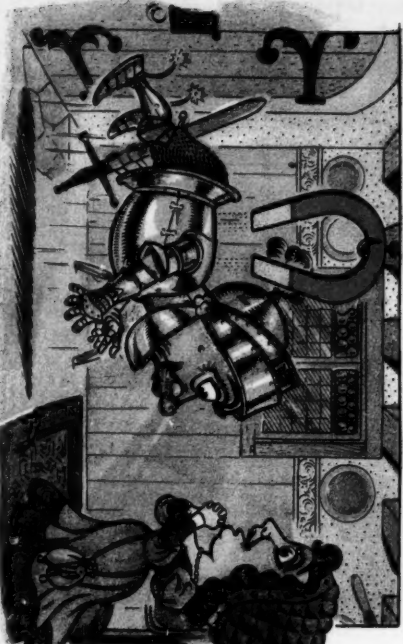
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